

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1314  
By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to recognize Joe Sims on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joe Sims is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for eighteen years as a high school coach and educator in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sims will soon be taking a much deserved retirement from his current coaching position at Clay County High School; and

WHEREAS, a native of Clay County and a 1973 graduate of Hermitage Springs High School, Mr. Sims continued his education at Middle Tennessee State University, earning his degree in Health and Physical Education in 1978; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious tenure, Mr. Sims has coached peewee, junior high school and high school basketball teams; he coached the Lady Bulldogs of Celina High School from 1992 until the school's closing in 2003, and continued as head coach for the newly-opened Clay County High School for the 2003-2004 school year; and

WHEREAS, during his remarkable career, Mr. Sims has attained a coaching record of 384-200, making him the single most successful coach in Clay county basketball history; his teams captured titles in five Tri-Lake Conference tournaments, seven district tournaments, and six region tournaments and has played in thirteen sub-state games and nine state tournaments, finishing as the runner-up in four state championship games; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sims' inspirational leadership has earned him numerous accolades, including the honor of being named Tri-Lakes Conference Coach of the Year five times, Class A Tennessean Mid State Coach of the Year twice, Class A-AA-AAA Nashville Banner Mid State Coach of the Year, and the TSSAA A.P. Bridges Male Coach of the Year; he was also selected to coach the 2002 Tennessee-Georgia All-Star Game; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Coach Sims is most grateful for the love and companionship of his wife Judy Brown, and he is proudest of his two sons, Joseph and Adam; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Coach Sims has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, fellow educators, students, and parents alike, and should be recognized for the impact he has made on so many young lives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Joe Sims on his laudable service to the youth of this State, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.